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1. The Rakovica engine factory is closely linked with the Zeleznik machine factory, situated approximately 12 kilometers from Belgrade, and with the Zemun airfield authorities. The directors of these three establishments meet at Rakovica every three months. The factory consists of the three following departments:

- a. Administrative department
- b. Aircraft engine repairs department
- c. Car assembly and tractor department

2. The factory is equipped with the following machinery [redacted] that is fairly old but in good condition:

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Capstan lathes	approximately 180
Vertical drills	approximately 60
Milling machines	approximately 50
Small drilling machines	approximately 30 (20 of these are automatic)

3. Electric power, at approximately 400 volts, is supplied from the hydro-electric power station on the Sava River near Belgrade. The factory has no generating equipment of its own.

4. The maximum capacity of the respective departments is as follows:

- a. Aircraft engine repairs department: 12 engines repaired per week.
- b. Not more than three cars, fitted with the Praga-type engine, can be assembled per week.
- c. Seven tractors can be built per week.

5. Under the present circumstances, the average monthly output of the departments is as follows:

- a. Approximately 13 to 15 aircraft engines are repaired. No new engines are being built.
- b. Only six or seven cars, fitted with the Praga-type engines are assembled.

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- c. Up to the present, only one tractor, type unknown, has been produced.
6. Production is limited by shortage of skilled labor, irregular deliveries of parts and materials and lack of ball bearings. Aircraft engines are transported from Zemun approximately twice a month by trucks belonging to the Rakovica factory. Praga car engine imports from Czechoslovakia has ceased because of the Cominform blockade but the factory currently has a sufficient stock to last for at least one year.
7. The factory employs a total of approximately 2,400 workers. The work is carried out in two shifts a day, six days per week. No forced labor is used in the factory.
8. The factory area is surrounded by an iron fence two meters high. There is only one entrance, i.e. an iron gate which can only be opened from inside. There are three sentries at the gate whose duties are to check the passes of all personnel entering and leaving the factory. They do not wear uniforms and are not armed. The area of the aircraft engine testing room is guarded by two Militiamen, both armed with rifles.

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